

Minutes

Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza Resource Conservation District

Regular Meeting, Friday, April 5, 2013 1:30 pm

Santa Rosa Plateau Visitor Center

Call to Order: 1:37pm

Roll Call: Directors Vicki Long, Pam Nelson, Gary Thomasian and Matt Rahn. Kathi Head, (1:42pm)

Legal counsel: Ray Johnson (1:49pm)

NRCS: Bob Hewitt, absent

Public: Kristen Huyuk , Sup. Jeffries legislative assistant and Dave McElroy

Motion to Approve the Agenda: Thomasian, Nelson, 4-0

Minutes, March, 2013: Motion to approve, Thomasian, Nelson, 3-0, Rahn, abstained

Public Comments: Kristen Huyuk offered Sup. Jeffries' support. The Board will meet with the Supervisor on April 22nd.

Business portion of the Elsinore Murrieta Anza Resource Conservation District Board Meeting

-Financial reports:

Approve the bill to TRS, our accounting firm, for \$2500. Head made the motion, Thomasian, 4-0.

-Correspondence:

-Special District Leadership Foundation: application for their new District Transparency Certificate of Excellence.

-Special District Risk Management Authority: Notification of Nominations- 2013 Election

-Board Action Items:

- 2.1 Bid to CPA firm for 3-year audit: Long requested bids for our audit in February. Four firms responded , 2 declined and 2 bids (Nigro& Nigro and Ahern-Adcock-Devlin) were reviewed by the Board. A motion was made to award the bid from Nigro &Nigro by Nelson; seconded by Head, 4-1(Rahn).

The Board accepted the bid from Nigro&Nigro for a 3-year audit at \$9900.

- 2.2 Consider a replacement for our financial services from Teaman, Ramirez and

Smith (TRS) to Van Lant&Fankhanel, LLP . Greg Fankhanel, the former accountant from TRS introduced himself and his new company and supplied a proposal to the Board for review. Long explained that it would be beneficial for us to stay with Fankhanel since he has worked with us for the last several years. Thomasian made a motion to accept his firm's proposal. Head seconded; vote; 4-0, abstained (Rahn).

-Agency Reports: none

-Discussion Items: Pat Kilroy, Lake manager for Lake Elsinore, sent the Board a license to conduct a project with the City of Lake Elsinore for SAWA and the EMARCD as a partner for a project to remove salt cedar from around the Lake. Our Board will be acting in an managerial capacity. SAWA is reviewing the license and if approved by their board it will be sent back to Lake Elsinore for approval.

-Old Business: Discussion of on-going projects and grant applications

-CA State OHV grant: Long and Nelson have been visiting the local BLM parcels and doing the inventory for the grant. Our services are voluntary acting as in-kind and grant managerial and technological tasks.

- IRWMP: Long said there will be less funding for these grants in the future
- Environmental Leader Award program: Jane Laskin has been a great promoter of recycling while working at Temecula Recycling. Nelson explained her innovative methods as the PR person for her company. We will present the award to her on the evening of April 20th at the Recycled Fashion show she is has organized.
- A possible future award may be to the Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve for their solar project.
- McElroy asked about the award theme and how recipients are chosen. A discussion followed about how we look for innovative and environmentally-friendly methods. We have been considering the Ponte winery and will ask Bob Hewitt about other agricultural entities.

New Business: Nelson asked if there was any need for our board to be concerned about a proposed development off of Bundy Canyon Rd. Johnson said that there are local groups that are watching so we don't need to get involved at this point.

Directors' Requests for Future Agenda Items: none

Monthly Reports:

Long reported that she attended the So. Coast RCD meeting. There was a proposal to change the name since there are no coastal RCDs in the group.

District Counsel:

-Johnson received an award from the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice as a Community Hero.

-Johnson sent 2 letters, at the request of the Board, to the RC&D for their public records. As of now, there has been no response. The South Coast RC&D is a non-profit that was set up to assist RCDs.

Closed Session: 3:25pm report: no reportable items

Back in session: 4:25pm

Firesafe Council/ RC&D: none

Calendar of events

April 20th: Recycled Art and Fashion Show at Monte de Oro winery. Award presentation

Nov., 2013, Family Wildlife Festival at the Sta. Rosa Plateau.

Adjournment: motion, 4:30pm

Gamela Nelson May 3, 2013

Secretary's signature and date